

Snow Canyon State Park

Calendar of Events

Spring 2003

February

Scout Cave Exploration

Learn about the natural history of Snow Canyon State Park and the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve on this 3.5 mile round-trip hike. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Difficulty rating: Difficult

Saturday, February 15, 2003, 9:30a.m. to Noon

March

Snow Canyon Geology

From river deposited mudstone to petrified sand dunes and lava flows - learn the basics of Snow Canyon geology on this two-mile round-trip hike. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required

Difficulty Rating: Difficult

Saturday, March 1, 2003, 10:00a.m. to Noon

Lava Tubes Tour

Dust off your flashlight and join a two-mile round-trip hike to one of the park lava tubes. We will explore a lava tube and discuss how it was formed and who calls it home. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Difficulty Rating: Moderate

Saturday, March 8, 2003, 10:00a.m. to Noon

Planet Party

Join NASA Solar System Ambassador Patrick Wiggins for a tour of the night sky. Saturn, Jupiter, and the moon will be the hot topics of the evening. Indoor slide program at East Elementary School (453 South 600 East, St. George) from 5:30 to 6:30p.m.; Outdoor planet gazing (weather permitting) at Snow Canyon from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Friday, March 14, 2003, 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Moonlit Hike

Awaken your senses and unwind from your week with a moonlit hike across redrock and sand. Explore the nighttime sights, sounds, and smells on this two-mile hike. Participants should bring a flashlight (just in case!). Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Difficulty Rating: Difficult

Saturday, March 15, 2003, 8:00p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Desert Survival Skills

What would happen if you found yourself in the desert unprepared? Learn a few basic desert survival skills and techniques during this hands-on introductory program presented by Lael Christensen.

Saturday, March 22, 2003, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Wildflowers - The Secret Lives of Plants

Enjoy the beauty of local wildflowers as we discuss the sex life of plants on this two-mile round-trip hike. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Difficulty rating: Moderate

Saturday, March 29, 2003, 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

April

Legend, Lore, and Leisure in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve

Join HCP Biologist Lori Rose for a one hour talk and slide show and

learn why the Reserve was formed, common misconceptions about the Reserve, and what it has to offer.

Saturday, April 5, 2003, 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Building the Zion Tunnel

Local historian Bart Anderson presents his award winning program on the construction of the Zion tunnel in Zion National Park. From death to triumph, learn about the history of this engineering wonder during a 1 hour slide show.

Saturday, April 12, 2003, 8:30 to 9:30p.m.

Searching for Scorpions

Join the Snow Canyon staff for an up close encounter with some of the Park's resident scorpions. Program highlights include a brief 'fact or fiction' session followed by a scorpion search in the Sand Dunes. Participants should bring a flashlight. Space is limited.

Pre-registration is required.

Saturday, April 19, 2003, 8:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

Creatures of the Mojave Desert

Desert tortoises, gila monsters, and more! Learn how and why these and other Mojave critters live in southwest Utah during this 2.5-mile round-trip hike. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Difficulty rating: Moderate

Saturday, April 26, 2003, 8:30a.m. to 10:30a.m.

May

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Pre-registration is required.

Saturday, May 3, 2003, 8:45p.m. to 9:45p.m.

Desert Water Ecology

Seeps, springs, potholes, and wells....Learn how the geology of the area effects available water resources on this three-mile round-trip hike. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Difficulty rating: Moderate

Saturday, May 10, 2003, 8:00a.m. to 10:00a.m.

Things That Go Bump in the Dark: Snow Canyon Nightlife

When canyon temperatures soar above 100 degrees many local wildlife species must shift their activities to nighttime or face death. This lecture and slide show will introduce you to some of the adaptations that allow wildlife to thrive under the cloak of darkness.

Saturday, May 17, 2003, 9:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.

Johnson Canyon Discovery Hike

Journey to Johnson Canyon, home of Johnson Arch, on this two-mile round-trip hike. Learn more about the natural history of the park as you traverse lava flows and a desert scrub community. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Difficulty rating: Moderate

Saturday, May 24, 2003, 8:00a.m. to 9:30a.m.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information phone (435) 628-2255 or go to: <http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks/www1/snow.htm>